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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

for the

Year Ending December 31st, 1965

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Health Department,
PADIHAM.

July, 1965.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Padiham, in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1965. The form and content are in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/66, dated 11th January, 1966.

The population continues to rise, as it has done since 1960, in fact showing about a 10% increase on the 1961 Census figure. This is a source of satisfaction, particularly as the total increase is much above the natural increase, or excess of births over deaths, so indicating a migration into the District. It so happens, however, that the increase in 1965 is almost the natural increase, although 62 new houses have been built, which does make one wonder whether the mid-year estimate supplied by the Registrar General, may be on the low side.

The Birth Rate of 18.9 per 1,000 population is above the national figure (18.1) indicating a young and healthy community, and the Death Rate continues to fall. A disturbing feature is the number of deaths due to Lung Cancer, particularly in men, where about one man in ten died with this condition. I must emphasise yet again, that there is a definite relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer, and whilst appreciating that it is extremely difficult for an adult to break off the habit, we really must try to deter children from smoking.

No infant deaths occurred during the year, in other words no family had the tragedy of the death of their baby in it's first year of life. Generally speaking, deaths in the first few weeks are from medical conditions affecting the baby before or at the time of birth, and after that are due to the environment in which the baby has to live. It is this environment which is under our control, as a Public Health Service - good housing, clean food and water, clean air etc., and the Council are to be congratulated on the forward looking attitude to slum clearance and implementation of the Clean Air Act.

In this context I can also mention the continued success of the Standard Grant facilities, giving householders the opportunity to have a home equal to our 20th century way of life, and perhaps helping to stop this pernicious "drift to the South". No less than 319 houses have been improved, at a cost of near £30,000.

An outstanding event, was the opening and inhabiting of the Flatlets. These architecturally and functionally delightful dwellings are, to me, a great step in finding the solution to our problem of a high proportion of elderly residents - nearly double the national proportion. Whilst retaining their treasured independence, the pensioner has immediate contact with a Warden, and all the advantages, yet none of the disadvantages of the conventional type of Home for the Aged.

It was a quiet year as regards notifications of Infectious Diseases. Only measles occurred in the town, and it was an inter-epidemic year for that - 50 cases in 1965, 101 in 1964. What about only twenty years ago? The Medical Officer of Health reported in 1945:-

Scarlet Fever.	45 cases.	0 deaths.
Diphtheria.	10 "	3 "
Measles.	191 "	4 "
Whooping Cough.	54 "	1 "
Erysipelas.	7 "	0 "
Tuberculosis.	15 "	4 "

He wrote "1945 was more or less a normal year".

The Mass Radiography Unit returned to Padiham in September, when 3,084 people took advantage of being X-rayed. A full report of the findings is given on Page 7. Together with the X-ray, those attending were offered a Diabetic detection test, a new departure, but with worthwhile results. Fifteen previously unsuspecting people were found to have Diabetes, eight of them requiring specialist treatment. With 2,156 people accepting the offer, the cost worked out at £10. 10. 0.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act was fully implemented during the year. All premises were not only inspected, but all - almost 100, were brought up to the required standard.

Once again, it is a pleasure to acknowledge the continued good work of Mr. Wrigley who carries out far the greater proportion of the departmental functions, and gets all the burden of the cleansing side on his shoulders. Finally my thanks go to Mrs. McCrerie for typing this Report.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. V. DYER.

Medical Officer of Health.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	976
Population (Census 1961)	9,893
Population (Estimated middle 1965)	10,170
Number of inhabited houses (according to Rate Book at the end of 1965)	3,817
Rateable Value	£360,100.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£1,411.

The Social conditions were generally quite good. The chief industries are cotton and silk weaving and light engineering trades.

VITAL STATISTICS

POPULATION: The population as estimated by the Registrar General for mid 1965 is 10,170.

BIRTHS: 173 Live Births belonging to the District occurred during 1965, as follows:-

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births	(Legitimate)	83	75	158
	(Illegitimate)	9	6	15
		92	81	173
Stillbirths	(Legitimate)	-	3	3
	(Illegitimate)	-	-	-

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths 17.0.
Total Live and Stillbirths 176.

Comparative particulars with regard to live births over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Total Live Births	173	179	170	160	171
Crude Birth Rate per 1000 estimated popln.	17.0	17.7	16.9	16.1	17.2
Adjusted Rate	18.9	19.6	18.8	16.6	17.9

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births: 8.7

INFANT DEATHS: All infants under 1 year of age Nil.

INFANTILE MORTALITY:	(a) All infants per 1000 live births	Nil
	(b) Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births	Nil
	(c) Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate births	Nil
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	(a) Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	Nil
	(b) Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	Nil
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY:	Rate per 1000 live births	Nil
PERINATAL MORTALITY:	Rate per 1000 total births	17.0

Comparative particulars with regard to infant mortality over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Nil	33.5	23.5	37.5	23.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY:	(a) Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	Nil
	(b) Mortality Rate per 1000 total live and stillbirths	Nil

DEATHS: 131 Deaths belonging to the District occurred during 1965 as follows:-

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths within the Urban District	36	37	73
Deaths outside the Urban District in Hospitals, Institutions etc.	33	25	58
	69	62	131

Comparative particulars with regard to deaths over the last five years are given in the following tables:-

	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
Total Deaths	131	134	162	170	145
Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estmd. population	12.9	13.2	16.1	17.1	14.6
Adjusted Rate	13.1	13.4	16.3	17.4	14.8

The following table gives the ages at which deaths occurred, also the causes of all deaths belonging to Padiham during 1965.

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 4 wks.	4 wks & under 1 yr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 & over	M.	F.	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach							1			1	2	2	2	4
Lung, Bronchus								1	3	1	3	6	2	8
Breast											1		1	1
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms					1				1	3	2	5	2	7
Leukaemia, and Aleukaemia										1			1	1
Diabetes										1			1	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System							1	1	2	3	14	12	9	21
Coronary Disease, Angina								4	7	5	12	10	18	28
Other Heart Disease									1	2	7	4	6	10
Other Circulatory Disease								1	1	4	3	7	2	9
Pneumonia										3	5	3	5	8
Bronchitis							1		4	2	2	5	4	9
Other Diseases of Respiratory System											1		1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea											1		1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate											3	3		3
Other Defined and Ill-defined causes					2		1			1	11	8	7	15
Motor Vehicle Accidents					1				1			2		2
All Other Accidents						1		1				2		2
Total All Causes	-	-	-	-	4	1	4	8	20	27	67	69	62	131

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1965

One new case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was notified during the year, a male, aged 55.

One male case was taken off the Register as recovered.

CASES ON THE REGISTER AT THE 31st DECEMBER, 1965

On the Register at the end of December, 1965, there were 32 cases of Tuberculosis (29 Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary) as follows:-

	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	Over 65	TOTAL
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	8	2	7	5	4	29
Non-Pulmonary								
Gland of Neck	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Perianal	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Renal Tract	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1	4	8	2	7	6	4	32

The Mass Radiography Unit visited Padiham towards the end of the year, and over 3,000 people were X-rayed. Only one person was found to have tuberculosis requiring treatment, but two cases of lung cancer were discovered.

The complete statistics are of great interest and are included in full:-

TYPE OF EXAMINEE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Industry/Offices	837	509	1,346
General Public	772	851	1,623
Schoolchildren over 15 years	51	58	109
General Practitioner Referrals	1	5	6
	1,661	1,423	3,084

ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED:-

Tuberculosis requiring treatment	1	-	1
Tuberculosis requiring supervision	2	1	3
Healed tuberculosis	22	10	32
Bronchial carcinoma	2	-	2
Congenital C.V.L.	1	-	1
Acquired C.V.L.	3	3	6
Emphysema	1	-	1
Pneumoconiosis with P.M.F.	1	-	1
Bronchiectasis	3	3	6
Pulmonary fibrosis	5	3	8
Pleural thickening	6	6	12

VENEREAL DISEASE

The nearest Clinic is at Burnley and any inquiries or cases brought to our attention are advised to attend this Clinic.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

There are no special workers in this area, but the Burnley and District House of Help does good work in this direction.

LABORATORY WORK

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Meadow Street, Preston, as and when necessary.

The Lancashire County Council provides and maintains the following:-

AMBULANCE SERVICE. Padiham has been faithfully served by the Lancashire County Health Department Ambulance Service, operating from the Ambulance Hall, Thompson Street, for many years.

It had been apparent for some time, that there could be no expansion or improvement of service from those premises, and a purpose built station, for six vehicles was established just outside the Urban District, in Altham, which became operational between Christmas Day and New Year. With 4 extra radio controlled ambulances and a corresponding increase in staff it is felt that Padiham is now amongst the best served areas in the County. In addition to that, of course, are the excellent conditions for the staff, in the way of mess rooms, kitchen, shower baths and shelter when cleaning the ambulances, which has added to their morale and efficiency.

CHILD WELFARE SERVICE. The Infant Welfare Centre and School Clinic for the Urban District is at Parish Street.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE. There are two District Midwives assigned to Padiham, who reside within the District, namely Miss. R. M. S. Catterall and Mrs. S. H. Murphy.

HOME NURSING. There are four District Nurses assigned to Padiham, Miss. K. M. Cox, Miss. A. Goodwin, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Gears.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

	Per 1,000 Estimated Population.	
	Crude Live Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.
Mean of 5 years 1960 - 1964	16.6	14.8
Year 1965	17.0	12.9
Year 1964	17.7	13.2
Change in 1965 on 5 years average 1960 - 1964	+ 0.4	- 1.9
Change on Previous Year	- 0.7	- 0.3

	MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE.		DEATH RATE.
	per 1,000 Live Births.	per 1,000 Live and Stillbirths.	of Infants under 1 yr. per 1,000 Live Births.
Mean of 5 years 1960 - 1964	Nil	Nil	14.8
Year 1965	Nil	Nil	Nil
Year 1964	Nil	Nil	33.5
Increase or decrease in 1965 on 5 years average 1960 - 1964	Nil	Nil	- 14.8
Change on previous year.	Nil	Nil	- 33.5

YEAR.	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.	POPULATION.
1959	143	155	9,860
1960	148	130	9,830
1961	171	145	9,920
1962	160	170	9,950
1963	173	162	10,050
1964	179	134	10,130
1965	173	131	10,170

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES	Under 1 yr.	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25-65	Over 65	Total cases rem'd to Hosp.	Deaths in Hosp. of pers. belg. to Dist.
Measles.	50	6	16	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
	50	6	16	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	-

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

WATER SUPPLIES. Padiham is supplied with a constant supply of water from the mains of the Calder Water Board and there were no new sources of supply during the year. The water is of good quality and in good supply. All dwelling houses within the District, except four, are supplied direct from public mains. The four exceptions, which are supplied by spring water are isolated farm dwellings and are a considerable distance from the nearest public main.

SUPPLIES TO HOUSES. The number of houses supplied direct from public mains is 3890.

WATER SAMPLING. Number of Bacteriological examinations 14

Public Mains. Results:- 14 Satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATHS. There are no Swimming Baths or Pools within the District, but the Council have approved plans for the erection of a new Swimming Bath, and the project will be commenced as soon as possible.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL. The sewage is carried by gravity feed to the Disposal Works, just outside the District Boundary, at Altham. Treatment is by means of screens, detritus tanks, settlement tanks, sprinkler filters and contact beds. The effluent from the works is discharged into the River Calder.

SANITARY ACCOMMODATION.

Number of Privy Middens. Nil.

Number of Pail Closets. There are five only at isolated dwellings and these are emptied by the tenants.

Number of Fresh Water Closets. 5743.

Number of Waste Water Closets. 679.

Conversions during the year.

Number of Pail Closets to fresh water closets.	Nil.
Number of waste water closets to fresh water closets.	38.
Number of waste water closets abolished.	10.
Number of houses on the water carriage system.	3885.

Chief Sanitary requirement of the District. The conversion of all waste water closets to the fresh water system. The Council, being aware of this, has increased the conversion grant from £10 to £15 and to £20 if an inspection chamber is provided.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. This is carried out by direct labour with two Karrier 12 cu. yard Fore and aft Tippers.

Domestic and Trade refuse is collected weekly, and in some instances when requested, trade refuse is removed three times per week.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Tip at Lumb Wood. The tip has an estimated life of 3 to 4 years and with this in mind the Council has appointed a Sub-Committee to consider the future problem and methods of refuse disposal.

Number of Moveable Dustbins. 4769.

SALVAGE. In February the Salvage Depot was completely destroyed by fire and the baling of waste paper had to be carried on for the remainder of the year in temporary premises under very restricted conditions with hand baling machines. Consequently, the output of salvage for 1965 shows a marked reduction.

YEAR.	WEIGHT OF SALVAGE.			TOTAL REVENUE.		
	T.	C.	Q.	£.	s.	d.
1959	237.	15.	0.	1225.	13.	1.
1960	257.	6.	1.	1883.	16.	2.
1961	229.	13.	3.	1546.	3.	9.
1962	238.	13.	0.	1426.	4.	7.
1963	289.	4.	3.	1832.	8.	0.
1964	286.	1.	2.	1834.	16.	2.
1965	233.	3.	0.	1863.	0.	0.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS DURING 1965. (Including Housing).

Number of Complaints received	443
Number of Premises visited	1559
Number of Visits made	3441
Number of defects or nuisances discovered	166
Number of Defects remedied	141
Number of Notices served (Statutory)	4
Number of Notices served (Informal)	127

Number of inspections and visits made during the year:-

Houses - Public Health Act	94
Houses - Housing Act	71
Houses - Improvement Grants	169
Shops Act	411
Clean Air Act	43
Rats and Mice Act	183
Revisits to property	217
Factories	48
Butchers	36
Bakeries	21
Fish Fryers	19
Ice-cream	75
Samples	108
Domestic Refuse Collection	296
Trade Refuse Collection	139
Refuse Disposal	300
Salvage	283
Miscellaneous	32
Street Cleansing	341
Offensive Trades	9
Smoke Observations	10
Grocers	122
Greengrocers	28
Snack Bars	16
Licenced Premises	56
Other Food Shops	60
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963	106
Yards & Passages	40
Drainage	53
Canteens	5
Water Supply	8
Vermin	23
Infectious Diseases	39
Noise Abatement	2
Pet Animals Act	1
Gas Leak	1
	3465
Interviews	339

Defects remedied and Other Improvements Executed:-

Waste Water closets cleared	9
Water closet compartment repaired	2
External pointing carried out	7
Rainwater pipes renewed, repaired or cleared	8
Defective firegrates dealt with	3
Defective Drainage	10
Defective sinks	2
Roofs repaired	9
Water Supply	2
Eaves gutters renewed, repaired or cleared	7
Internal ceiling plaster renewed	2
Internal wall plaster renewed	5
Doors repaired	6
Window frames renewed or repaired	15
Yard gates provided	1
Defective path repaired	1
Defective wood floors repaired	1
Gas Leak	1
Accumulation of refuse	5
Dustbins provided or renewed	71

DISINFESTATION. Fourteen dwellings were treated during the year, ten for cockroach infestation, one for flea infestation, one for Bugs, one for Beetles and one for Earwigs. D. D. T. powder with Pyrethrum, Multispray and Gammexane Smoke Generators were used.

CAMPING SITES AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS. There are no caravans or sites licensed under the Public Health Act, 1936, and no licenses have been applied for under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

HOUSING

CONDITION. The majority of the houses are stone built and of the terraced type. This type of property is on an average 70/80 years old and in general are quite well maintained, due to the fact that quite a large percentage of them are owner occupied. Some of the landlords of tenanted property only carry out the minimum amount of maintenance and a careful check is kept on these properties, which, as and when necessary will be included in future Clearance Orders.

NEW BUILDINGS. During the year sixty houses were completed by private enterprise, and two bungalows and 33 Flatlets (with Resident Warden) were completed by the Council.

OVER-CROWDING. No new cases were reported during the year.

INSPECTION OF DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts. 165

(b) Number of inspections, formal or informal made for the purpose. 382

(c) Number of dwellings found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit. 49

(2) Total number of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:-

(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time). 14

(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made. 134

HOUSES DEMOLISHED.

In Clearance Areas:	Houses demolished	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation	18	50	20
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957	2	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses Closed:-	Number	Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
(i) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil	Nil

Unfit Houses made fit and Houses in which Defects were Remedied:-

	By Owner	By Local Authority
(i) After informal action by local authority.	49	Nil
(ii) After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts.	3	Nil
(b) Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957	Nil	Nil
(iii) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957.	Nil	----

Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.:-

Action during year:	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of	
	Private bodies or individuals	Local Authority
(i) Submitted by private individuals to Local Authority.	1	-----
(ii) Approved by Local Authority	1	-----
(iii) Submitted by Local Authority to Ministry.	Nil	Nil
(iv) Finally approved by Ministry	Nil	Nil
(v) Work completed	1	Nil
(vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above.	Nil	Nil

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964. Standard Grants:-

Action during year:	No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
(i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to full standard.	68
(ii) Applications approved by local authority for improvement to reduced standard.	Nil
(iii) Total applications approved by local authority.	67
(iv) Work completed.	67
(v) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings.	Nil

	1965	Total
Number of Applications received	68	380
Number of Applications not dealt with	3	3
Number approved	67	366
Number refused	1	11

Standard Amenities Approved

	1965	Total
Baths	44	260
Wash-hand Basins	43	259
Hot Water Supply to Bath	44	195
Hot Water Supply to Wash-hand Basin.	43	194
Hot Water Supply to Sink	26	177
Water Closet	68	300
Food Store	67	297
Total Amount of Grants approved	£7,267. 10. 0.	£38,840. 8. 9.

Grants Paid

Total Grant Paid	£6,658. 13. 0.	£30,726. 9. 3.
Number Paid	67	319

The following list gives an overall picture of the housing demands for the district.

In Lodgings

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - no children	1	-	1
Man and Wife - one child	1	-	1
Man and Wife - two children	2	1	3
Man and Wife - five children	-	1	1
	4	2	6

Tenants of Houses

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
Man and Wife - no children	18	2	20
Man and Wife - one child	20	6	26
Man and Wife - two children	12	4	16
Man and Wife - three children	6	-	6
Man and Wife - four children	3	-	3
Man and Wife - five children	-	1	1
Man and Wife - six children	-	1	1
Man and Wife - seven children	-	1	1
	59	15	74

Elderly Person's Accommodation

	Padiham	Out of District	Total
In Lodgings	4	-	4
Tenants of houses	84	2	86
	88	2	90

Grand Total 170

Number of new houses erected during the year 60.

Number of houses erected under the various acts:-

i.	Housing Act, 1919.	31
ii.	Housing Act, 1923/24.	170
iii.	Housing Act, 1930/36.	228
iv.	Housing Act, 1936/46.	21
v.	Housing Act, 1946/51.	260
vi.	Housing Act, 1957.	161
		871

RENT ACT, 1957.

No applications for certificates have been received during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MILK SUPPLY.

Number of registrations effected during the year.	1
Total number of Distributors of Milk on the Register at the end of the year.	60

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and all Dealer's Licenses are issued by the County Council in accordance with Section 12 of the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

MILK SAMPLING. During the year 81 samples of milk were obtained (which included 24 Appeal to Cow samples), 62 of which were Raw Milk (Tuberculin Tested), 11 Pasteurised and 8 Sterilised. These samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination with the following results:-

Type of Test.	No. of Samples.	Results.
Tuberculosis.	38	35 satisfactory, 3 no result.
Brucellosis ring test.	62	46 negative, 10 positive and 6 equivocal.
" culture test.	40	35 negative, 4 positive and 1 no result.
" Biological test.	38	31 negative, 5 positive and 2 no result.
Methylene Blue.	11	11 satisfactory.
Phosphatase.	11	11 satisfactory.
Turbidity.	8	8 satisfactory.

One case of Brucellosis occurred on a farm within the District. Twenty four Appeal to Cow samples were taken and two proved to be positive. The two beasts in question were immediately isolated and disposed of by the farmer.

Two positive Brucella samples were produced on farms outside the district and were referred to the Health Department of the district in which the farms were situated.

ICE CREAM SAMPLES. Thirteen samples of Ice Cream were obtained during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. All the samples were Grade 1.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE FACILITIES. There are no public or private slaughterhouses in operation within the District. Two persons applied for and were granted licences to slaughter animals.

FOOD POISONING. No cases of Food Poisoning were reported during the year.

FOOD PREMISES. The number of Food Premises by type of business in the District at the end of 1965 was as follows:-

Type of Business.	Number.	Number of Inspections.
General Grocers and provision dealers.	56	122
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game etc.)	13	28
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game etc.)	3	6
Meat Shops (butchers, cooked and preserved meats, tripe etc.)	22	36
Bakers and/or confectioners.	16	21
Fried Fish shops.	7	19
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream.	10	60
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes and snack bars.	31	56

Number of food premises, by type registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Act:-

Type of Business.	Number Registered.	Number of Inspections of registered premises during year.
Butchers.	10	36
Confectioners.	18	21
Cafes.	6	16
Off Licences.	14	30
Grocers.	31	60
Sweets, Ice-Cream etc.	9	20

FOODSTUFFS.

The following foodstuffs were examined, condemned for original use, surrendered for disposal and destroyed.

Type of Food.	Number of Packages.	Quantity condemned.
Tinned Fruit.	55 Tins.	$64\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Tinned Vegetables.	34 "	$27\frac{1}{2}$ "
Tinned Fish.	13 "	$6\frac{1}{2}$ "
Tinned Rice Pudding.	5 "	5 "
Corned Beef.	7 "	$4\frac{3}{4}$ "
Tinned Steak.	5 "	4 "
Tinned Milk & Cream.	32 "	$26\frac{1}{2}$ "
Tinned Boiled Ham & Ox Tongue.	3 "	4 "
Tinned Soup.	3 "	$2\frac{1}{2}$ "
Fresh Pork Loin.		$24\frac{1}{4}$ "
Fresh Shoulder Steak.		35 "
Butter.		$1\frac{1}{2}$ "
Margarine.		6 "
Various Frozen Foods.	219 Pkts.	89 "
		301 lbs.

FOOD SAMPLING

50 samples of other foods including 37 samples of milk (seven of which were Channel Islands milk) and those set out below were submitted to the County Analyst:-

1 Shredded beef suet.
1 beef noodle soup, dried.
1 dried peas.
1 dried carrots.
1 dried cabbage.
1 dried sultanas.
1 minced meat.
1 bicarbonate soda B.P.
1 arrowroot B.P.C.
1 glycerine B.P.C.
1 boric acid ointment B.P.C.
1 lard.
1 rice pudding, canned.

The County Analyst gave adverse reports about the following:

Type of sample.	Result of Analysis.	Action taken.
1 informal milk.	Contained 0.05 I.U. penicillin per ml.	Producer and M.M.B. Notified.
1 informal milk, (Channel Islands).	Deficient of 12.5% fat.	formal sample obtained.
1 formal milk.	Contained 0.08 I.U. penicillin per ml.	Producer and M.M.B. notified.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the district.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	7	5	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	51	48	1	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	5	1	Nil
Total	62	58	2	Nil

Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable of defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1	-	1	-

Part V111 of the Act - Outwork.

Nil.

Classification of Factories and Workshops:

Abrasive crushing and grinding	2
Bread and confectionery	11
Boiled sweet makers	2
Boot repairers and cloggers	3
Cotton weaving etc.	4
Cotton waste	2
Drysalter	1
Dry Cleaners	1
Electrical generation	2
Electrical engineering	2
Engineering (jobbing)	1
Gas appliance maker	1
Heating plant engineers	1
Hide and Skin	1
Hospital clothing maker	1
Joinery	3
Jute pulling	1
Leather (artifical chamois) manufacturers	1
Motor vehicle repairer	3
Minerals (Aerated) waters	2
Printers	3
Paint Manufacturing	1
Poultry plucking	1
Photographers	1
Plush weaving	1
Rag and fent sorting	1
Rayon fabric weaving	1
Ready mixed concrete manufacturers	1
Reed makers	1
Salvage packing	1
Silk weaving	1
Size makers	1
Springs for motor trade manufacturers	1
Tripe dressers	1
Wadding (laminated)	1
Warp knitting	1
Wireless/Television	2

i. The number of Factories now in the Register is 55

ii. The number of workplaces now in the Register is 9

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Classification of Shops as Shown in the Register.

Boots, Shoes	4
Brokers	3
Builders Materials	1
Butchers	11
Cafe	5
Chemist	5
Wardrobe Dealer	2
Cooked foods	4
Confectioners	16
Cycle Dealers	1
Draper	6
Drysalter	1
Dyers and Cleaners	4
Electrical appliances	5
Fancy goods	1
Fire-range Dealers	3
Fish Fryers	7
Fishmonger	1
Furniture Dealer	2
Gas appliances	1
Greengrocers	13
Grocers	56
Hairdresser - Gentlemen's	4
Hairdresser - Ladies	7
Hardware	5
Inn Keeper	16
Jeweller	1
Mineral waters	2
Newsagent	5
Newspaper Office	2
Nursery furniture	1
Optician	1
Outfitters - Gentlemen's	2
Outfitters - Ladies	3
Off Licence	10
Paint and Wall-paper	4
Photographers	1
Petrol and oil	2
Pet Shop	1
Potato merchant	1
Sanitary Ware	1
Stationers and printers	4
Sweets and tobacco	7
Timber merchant	1
Tobacconists	1
Woodwork shop	1

In accordance with the policy laid down by the County, limited inspectoral duties under the Act were delegated to the Public Health Inspector, and in fulfilment of these duties, 411 visits were undertaken.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The following offensive trades are now in existence within the District:-

Tripe Boiler	1
Size Maker	1
Fish Fryers	7

The various premises have been inspected on 24 occasions.

As there is still no evidence of the local rag dealer doing any business in bones, the premises are not included in the list of offensive trades.

Byelaws made under Section 108 of the Public Health Act, 1936, by the Council for the regulation of offensive trades, businesses, or manufacturers, and the trade or businesses of fish frying, apply in the district.

The trades affected are:-

Blood boiler and dryer.
Tallow melter, fat melter or fat extractor.
Tripe boiler.
Glue Maker and size boiler.
Rag and bone dealer.
Fish fryer.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1952.

One person has been licenced for the keeping of pets for sale.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963.

There are no such establishments within the district.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957.

No. of plants licensed at the 1st April, 1965.	1
No. of plants licensed during the year.	Nil
No. of licences cancelled or revoked.	Nil
No. of inspections.	2
No. of prosecutions.	Nil

AGRICULTURAL ACT, 1956.

Sanitary Conveniences on Farms.

The farm properties in this district are visited at frequent intervals, and all matters which require inspection are dealt with. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the above Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Action relating to rodent control during year:-

	Type of property			
	Non-agricultural			
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All Other	Agricultural
(a) No. of properties in district	4	3890	363	14
(b) No. of properties inspected	4	529	281	14
(c) Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	248	701	486	28
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:				
Rats - major	-	-	-	-
minor	4	40	12	-
Mice - major	-	-	-	-
minor	-	50	8	-
(e) No. of infested properties treated.	4	90	20	-
(f) Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments)	26	103	22	-
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-

CLEAN AIR ACT.

Six smoke control orders operative within the district.

No. 1 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st September, 1961.

No. 2 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1962.

No. 3 and 4 Smoke Control Orders became operative on 1st July, 1963.

No. 5 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1963.

No. 6 Smoke Control Order became operative on 1st November, 1963.

The proposed Padiham No. 7 Smoke Control Order was submitted to the Ministry for approval, but in February 1964, in view of the contents of Circular 69/63, the Council asked the Ministry to withhold confirmation of the order.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

No. of registered premises at end of year:

Offices	20
Retail Shops	57
Wholesale Shops, warehouses	5
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..	11
Fuel storage depots	Nil

No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises. 136

No. of registered premises which received a general inspection 93

No. of exemptions current at end of year .. .. Nil

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

No contraventions observed.

HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) ACT, 1952.

No contraventions observed.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1961 (The Oil Heaters Regulations, 1962)

No contraventions observed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of rivers and streams in the district.

SOCIAL WELFARE.

The Health Department continues to be available for liason work. The principal activity has been to provide contact with the Home Help Organiser. Several cases were dealt with.

7 cases of aged persons needing care were investigated, and passed on to the proper authority.

ACCIDENTS IN THE HOME.

A policy of propaganda by displays of posters and the distribution of handbills was continued.

STREET SCAVENGING.

The scavenging of streets is carried out by a mechanical street sweeper, gully emptier and two manual sweepers.

Building activities have constantly been the cause of much concern. Extra cleansing has been necessary to keep the situation in hand.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

The two urinals and three public lavatories were cleansed daily throughout the year.